

LITTLE OUTING

Sweetwater Neighborhood Is Visited

ROADS NOTICEABLE

Holzendorf a Splendid Host Is a Good Farmer as Well as Road Builder

business manager, Royal B. made a trip to the hospitable home of Mr. Holzendorf, member of the county commissioners, on last Saturday and returned to Arcadia. The trip was an unusual one in that it gave our representative an insight into the business and road building capacity of our commissioner.

At the moment one reaches the Sweetwater or the road district presided over by Mr. Holzendorf he is impressed with the excellent roads that are everywhere in evidence of the praiseworthy skill of their construction. On inquiry one learns that these roads are not excellent, but they were built with economy of the people's money and greatly please the taxpayers. As possible local laborers and materials were employed, thus enabling Mr. Holzendorf to provide employment for himself on the line of roadbed, earning their services at small cost. Some plan was employed in buying lumber and other materials required, policy being whenever possible to have the money expended at home. It was enabled our commissioner to have the money in his hands go farther than in such cases.

Holzendorf has not been unmindful of his road work of the wishes of his constituents. Wherever a road or bridge is desired that would benefit the community, there the good work went on the other hand, no citizen, no one who or of what influence could road or bridge for his private use simply for family convenience, and numerous other ways Mr. Holzendorf has demonstrated his sense and fair dealing, that is so desired in a public official, and many are sadly lacking.

At the home of Mr. Holzendorf one is treated to one who loves to see the signs of thrift and prosperity. The range grove, the potato fields, the grow both sweet and Irish potatoes, the latter just coming into the market, the hogs and chickens, the cows and horses that grow fat on the products, are circumstantial evidence that Mr. Holzendorf is a good farmer as well as a road builder. He is a noble and generous to a great degree, sent to Arcadia by our representative food and fruits to help keep the family from our door. In Mrs. Holzendorf and her intelligent family, Mr. Holzendorf has all that a husband and could ask for, and the stranger to the gates, we warrant, never goes away.

New Association

Ogden, Fla., Nov. 30.—The Fort Citrus Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association was formed at this place on November 16th. This organization has the leading growers of this county and this is the first active and highly organized association in this county.

The purpose of this Association is for the better marketing facilities for fruit; to encourage a better system of fruit and packing; to oppose the sale of green fruit and to purchase material for packing.

The Association is selecting a brand they expect to make second to the state as a standard for well packed fruit.

Officers of the Association are as follows: W. F. Martin, President; Ira H. Morgan, Secretary, Board of Directors, W. A. Johnson, Jr., Treasurer, L. B. Nuss and E. W. Brown.

During the organizations in some sections of the state have failed to be permanent and lasting benefit to the communities, because of the lack of organization and the lack of interest in the work.

etable Association decided to pattern their organization to some extent along the lines of some of the California associations, with such modifications of course as will apply to local conditions. It was realized that one of the main necessities was to adopt a system of selling and distributing which had been thoroughly proven, as the growers were dissatisfied with old consigning methods, and the uncertainty of speculators. They were not inclined to consider any new and untried theories. After due consideration a contract was made with Crutchfield and Woolfolk, through their manager, Mr. Pilkington, for the selling and distributing of the entire output of the Association. This firm has its headquarters in Pittsburgh, with branches in Jacksonville, Chicago, Cincinnati, Washington and New York. They sell to car lot buyers throughout the United States and have rendered very satisfactory service to a number of prominent shippers and Associations in this state.

Fort Ogden is noted for its heavy, sweet, bright fruit and the decision of the Association to bind its members to ship only thoroughly ripened fruit is a rule which should be followed by every shipper and association in the state.—Fruit and Produce News.

Educational Association

Chairman Asa B. Clark of the executive committee, Florida Educational Association, has issued the following circular letter to the county superintendents and school boards throughout the State: "To the County School Boards of Florida: The Florida Educational Association meets in Gainesville December 29, 30 and 31, for the purpose of discussing educational problems in Florida. This institution is organized for and is supported by the school men and women of the state. Its sessions are devoted to the study of educational problems, and lectures upon educational subjects by the ablest men and women of this and other states. Teachers who attend these meetings of the association come in contact with teachers from all portions of Florida, and in the discussions which arise much benefit is derived.

"It is the desire of the executive committee to make the session in Gainesville show a tremendous increase in attendance and interest, and to this end we are asking your help. Many of the counties in the state allow teachers their regular daily salary while in attendance upon the association. Will you not adopt this plan in your county? It will be the means of doubling the attendance of the teachers from your part of the state, and thereby doubling the efficiency of the association. It will be the means of giving many of your teachers an intelligent treat they could not otherwise afford and it will be a step forward in the educational awakening of the state.

"Among the lecturers who are to be at Gainesville are Dr. James H. Van Sickle, superintendent of schools, Baltimore; Miss Amalie Hofer, kindergarten lecturer, Chicago; Prof. Rolfs, head of department of Agriculture of University of Florida; Dr. Hiram Byrd, State board of health; Miss Keipp, Florida School of Music and Art, and others.

Very respectfully,

ASA B. CLARK,

Chairman Executive Committee, Florida Educational Association."

The Ladies Friday Musicales

The Ladies Friday Musicales met with Mrs. D. L. McSwain Friday, December 4, 1908. The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—Rustle of Spring—Singing. Mrs. T. B. King.
Piano Solo—Lily Dale—Reese. Mrs. J. H. Treadwell.
Piano Solo—Beethoven's Adieu to the Piano. Mrs. W. H. Seward.
Piano Solo—Selected from Fra Diavolo—Mrs. M. H. Smith.

Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. H. King, Friday, December 11, at half past three o'clock.

Mrs. C. Y. CRAWFORD.

Mr. J. F. O'Berry, one of our most extensive as well as progressive farmers, has been shipping eggplant for some time, for which he has been receiving handsome returns, and is now shipping new fall Irish potatoes. He is preparing to plant fifteen acres in cabbage and will also put in an acre or two in celery.—Kissimmee Gazette.

You might almost imagine by the weather we are having that it was June instead of December.

FROM WASHINGTON

Our Regular Correspondent Writes Interestingly

SOME NEWS OF IMPORTANCE

Signing of Agreement Between Japan and United States. Declaration Short

There have been two events this week, one of national and the other of international importance. The first was the placing of over fifteen thousand postmasters of the fourth class under the aegis of civil service rules. The other was the signing of an agreement between Japan and the United States, by Secretary Root and the Japanese Ambassador to the United States. Calling it an "agreement," or as some call it a "declaration," was a polite way of sidestepping the Senate, because the Senate, as past experience has demonstrated, is rabid on treaties and very jealous of its prerogative. The way some of those fellows in the Senate have torn to tatters treaties between the United States and Great Britain and other countries, prepared by Secretary Root and his predecessors has given notice to the country that the Senate is a treaty unmaking branch of the government.

This "declaration" not being a "treaty," will not go to the Senate and it may be with certainty assumed that it insures peace and good understanding for at least four years during the incumbency of the President-elect and for eight years at least, if he shall be re-elected in 1912.

The declaration is very short and consists of five brief articles couched in plain language, but these five articles may be further condensed as follows:

1. It is the wish of the United States and Japan to live in peace.
2. They accept the status quo with the policy of the open door.
3. They recognize the meaning of *MUM* and *TUM* as applied to the island of the Pacific.
4. They are for unimpaired Chinese territory and the square deal in that country for all powers.
5. If necessary, they will put their shoulders together to enforce the afore-said.

It has been suggested that the President did not consult Speaker Cannon, Senator Hale, Senator Penrose, or any of those people in the House or the Senate who are always carrying a knife up their sleeves for Civil Service Reform when he issued the order placing fifteen thousand fourth-class postmasters beyond the fear or favor of their members of Congress, or in other words, snatched this patronage from the hands of Congress. The order, it is understood, is experimental, and does not affect the standing of postmasters east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river. The movement is so incontestably right that it is not likely to be changed by any future administration. It will not only cut down the patronage of Congress, but it will do much to improve the quality of legislative service as well as the postal service. It is expected that in a few months, the reform will be extended to other states.

The recently appointed new Secretary of the Navy has announced his method for reforming the bureau system which naval critics hold responsible for the ineffectiveness and clumsiness noted by them in the designing of warships and the defects alleged by them to exist in vessels of very recent construction. The way in which the Secretary is expecting to provide himself with board equivalent to a general staff or admiralty, is by a departmental order creating a general board, of which the Admiral of the Navy, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation and the President of the Naval War College shall be ex-officio members. This board will be enlarged by the appointment of "such other officers" as the Secretary may designate. Secretary Newberry will no doubt appoint a board of the aggressive critics of the Bureau system, also young and progressive officers of the line. It is proposed to bring the Departmental Bureaus into close relations with this board, by designating as members a suitable contingent of staff officers, including members of the construction board.

The reorganization proposed, it is thought, will tend to the promotion of a unity of purpose that has been lacking in the administration of that branch of the service which has to do with building and equipping warships. It is well known in naval circles that Senator Hale of Maine, who is the chairman of the committee on Naval Affairs in the Senate, is an insurmountable obstacle to the improvement of the Navy. He has been opposed to large ships and it is significant that a large number of the small ships have been built at shipyards in his state, where owing to the shallowness of the water, only small ships can be launched. His influence is paramount in naval affairs and has been paralyzing to the navy and very expensive to the country.

The tariff committee has announced a further continuance of its hearings. There is no telling just what kind of a tariff bill will be presented, much less what kind of a bill will be passed after it has been debated and amended, but there is strong hope among tariff reformers that there will be large additions to the free list in the way of raw material, such as wool, hides, lumber and coal. It is well known that we cannot have the best woolen fabrics made in this country because the finest fleeces of Australia and South America go to the looms of England and Germany and France, while American manufacturers, on account of high tariff, are obliged to eke out their scanty supply of wool with cotton and shoddy.

The Farmer Feeds Them All

The politician talks and talks,
The actor plays his part,
The soldier glitters on parade,
The goldsmith plies his art,
The scientist pursues his germs
O'er this terrestrial ball,
The sailor navigates his ship,
But the farmer feeds them all.

The preacher pounds the pulpit desk,
The broker reads his tape,
The tailor cuts and sews his cloth
To fit the human shape,
The dame of fashion dressed in silk
Goes forth to dine or call,
Or drive, or dance, or promenade,
But the farmer feeds them all.

The workman wields his shining tools,
The merchant shows his wares,
The aeronaut above the clouds
His dizzy journey dares;
But art and science soon would fade,
And commerce dead would fall,
If the farmer ceased to reap and sow,
For the farmer feeds them all. —Ex.

Be a Weather Prophet

If the temperature falls suddenly there is a storm forming south of you; if it rises suddenly, a storm forming north of you. The wind blows from region of fair weather toward where storm is forming. Cirrus, or curl clouds, move from where the storm is in progress. Cumulus, called Ball of Cotton. Day or Summer clouds, move from a region of fair weather to where storm is forming. Where cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from north to north-east, there will be rain inside 24 hours; when these curl clouds are moving rapidly from south to south-east, there will be a cold rain on the morrow, if in summer, and if in winter there will be a snowstorm. The wind always blows in a circle around a storm, and when it blows from the north the heaviest rain is east of you; if from the south, the heaviest rain is west of you; if from the east, the heaviest rain is south of you; if from the west, the heaviest rain is north of you. The wind never blows unless rain or snow is falling within 1000 miles of you. Whenever heavy white frost occurs a storm is forming within 1000 miles north or north-west of you. These rules were issued by the Farmer's Club of America Institute. Study them and be your own weather prophet.

Nutritiveness of Foods

The average quantity of nutritious matter in 1000 parts of several varieties of animal and vegetable foods, is as follows: Wheat, 950 parts; rice, 880 parts; oats, 740 parts; mutton, 290 parts; chicken, 270 parts; potatoes, 260 parts; beef, 260 parts; veal, 250 parts; pork, 240 parts; codfish, 210 parts; peaches, 200 parts; apples, 170 parts; carrots, 98 parts; cabbage, 73 parts; milk, 72 parts; turnips, 42 parts; melons, 30 parts and cucumbers, 25 parts.—Ex.

COUNTY FATHERS

Report of Their Regular Monthly Meeting

THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED

County Officers Give Bonds Report of County Officers and Other Business

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto county met in their office in Arcadia, December 7, 1908.

Members present, C. L. Keene, R. L. Holzendorf, J. H. Concannon and D. J. Farabee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read approved.

The following pension applications were examined and approved by the board: Lewis M. Richndson, John W. Wilson.

Bond of Augustus C. Freeman, sheriff, with the following sureties examined and approved: Z. N. Parker for three thousand dollars (\$3,000), B. F. F. Welles for two thousand dollars (\$2,000); J. C. Hickman for one thousand dollars (\$1,000); Carl Holmer for one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Bond of M. E. Albritton for county surveyor, with following sureties approved by the board: Jake Wey and O. A. Albritton, amount \$1,000.

It is hereby recommended to the Comptroller that S. F. J. Trabue, Agt., be allowed to redeem the following described land at face value, without interest: Block 60, town of Punta Gorda. He asks this reduction on the ground that said property is unimproved and belongs to orphan children.

The treasurer is hereby instructed to transfer \$500 from road district No. 3, to district No. 2.

The board appropriated \$250 for 5,000 copies of Tampa Tribune with county write up for purpose of advertising.

The following official bonds were examined and approved by the board:

Cyril Baldwin, tax collector, with the following sureties: C. G. Davis for two thousand dollars (\$2,000) W. G. Welles for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) R. E. Whidden for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) B. F. Welles for (\$3,000) D. L. McSwain for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) S. J. Simmons for three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and C. C. Pearce for two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Henry E. Carlton, as clerk of the circuit court, in the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) with the following sureties: Jake Wey for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) J. G. King for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and Z. N. Parker for one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Justice Peace bond of W. K. Southerland with T. F. Williams as surety in the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), B. A. Wachob as constable for district No. 7 with E. Wotitzky and R. K. Seward as sureties for \$500.

T. P. Lewis as notary public with D. G. Swan and J. I. Roberts as sureties in the sum of \$500.

A. Winthrop Sargent as justice of the peace for district No. 14 with W. S. Butler and H. E. Coy as surety in the sum of \$500.

W. R. DeLoach as notary public with D. G. Swan and S. E. Roberts as sureties in the sum of \$500.

H. J. Downing as justice of peace with W. A. Johnson, Jr., John E. Williams and W. C. Johnson as sureties in the sum of \$500.

A. J. Patrick as constable for District No. 8 with J. C. Walker and J. E. Williams as sureties in the sum of \$500.

Henry G. Murphy as county tax assessor with J. I. Roberts, H. L. Mobley, T. F. Smith and Henry W. Smith as sureties in the sum of \$1000.

Geo. W. McLane as justice of peace for District No. 7 with Edward Wotitzky and Harry R. Driggers as sureties in the sum of \$500.

R. E. Brown as county judge for DeSoto county with the following sureties: Jake Wey \$1000, J. G. King \$2000, J. J. Heard \$2000.

J. A. Hixdry as county treasurer with the following sureties: J. G. King for \$1500, W. W. Langford for (Continued on page five)